

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A computed tomography apparatus comprising:

a gantry having a measuring opening and a system axis;

an x-ray source mounted in said gantry having a focus from which radiation is emitted, at least said focus rotating around said measuring opening for irradiating an examination subject from different directions;

a detector disposed in said gantry facing said opening for obtaining projection datasets corresponding to radiation incident on said detector as said focus rotates around said measuring opening;

a support table having a continuous, one-piece support plate, having a length along a longitudinal axis of the support plate adapted to receive an entirety of an examination subject thereon, and a carrier, said support plate being non-displaceably mounted cantilevered to said carrier; and

a mechanism for moving said gantry independently of said support table, including movement of said gantry into a use position wherein said support plate extends through said measuring opening and wherein said support plate is positioned relative to said gantry so that said longitudinal axis and said system axis, when projection into a horizontal plane, intersect.

2. (Original) A computed tomography apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein said carrier comprises a floor stand.

3. (Original) A computed tomography apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein said carrier comprises a ceiling stand.

4. (Original) A computed tomography apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein said support table is movable.

Claim 5 has been cancelled.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) A computed tomography apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein said gantry has a system axis and further comprising a motor drive for moving said gantry along said system axis to allow scanning of a volume of an examination subject adapted to be received on said support plate in said measuring opening.

7. (Original) A computed tomography apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein said mechanism comprises rails along which said gantry is movable.